29th Annual Hume Society Conference

"Born for Action? Born for Reason?"

At the University of Helsinki
hosted by
the Department of Social and Moral Philosophy

The House of Sciences
Kirkkokatu 6, Helsinki
August 6-10, 2002

Conference Directors:
Wade Robison, Rochester Institute of Technology (Chair)
Olli Loukola, University of Helsinki
Timo Airaksinen, University of Helsinki
Mikael M. Karlsson, University of Iceland
In the *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (§1), David Hume writes:

*Moral philosophy ... may be treated after two different manners ...* The one considers man chiefly as born for action; and as influenced in his measures by taste and sentiment ... The other species of philosophers consider man *in the light of a reasonable rather than an active being*, and *endeavour to form his understanding more than cultivate his manners.*

Papers on many aspects of Hume's life and works have been accepted for the program. However, the conference directors have especially welcomed submissions on the set of views expressed in this passage, e.g. on conflicting views of human nature, of moral philosophy, of the virtues, and of philosophical literature.

The organizing team of the Department of Social and Moral Philosophy of University of Helsinki is: Nicholas Barlow, Karolina Kokko-Uusitalo, Tomi Kokkonen, Marjukka Laakso, Juhana Lemetti, Arto Siitonen and Teemu Toppinen. Thanks are also due to Academy of Finland and Finnish Philosophical Society for their support in arranging the conference.
Some of the central locations of the conference

The conference venue is The House of Sciences ("Tieteiden talo") at Kirkkokatu 6, where we have three different rooms:

The big lecture hall (105) on the first floor, room 309 on the third floor (this is the office, has the book-exhibition and the internet connection) and the smaller lecture hall (505) on the fifth floor
Tuesday, August 6th, 2002

08:45-09:00 Lecture hall 105
Opening Ceremonies

09:00-10:15 Lecture hall 105
Hume: The Normative Philosopher
Charlotte Brown with Fred Stoutland commenting

Lecture hall 505
Understanding the Unintelligible:
Hume on Necessary Connections
Corliss Swain with Ilkka Niiniluoto commenting

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 Lecture hall 105
Hume, Happiness and Citizen Virtue
Thomas Hoffman with Juhana Lemetti commenting

Lecture hall 505
Hume, Berkeley, and the Bundle
Theory of the Self
Stephen Daniel with Bertil Belfrage commenting

12:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:15 Lecture hall 105
Hume's Natural History of Religion
and a Conjectural History of Genealogy
Frank A. Palmeri with Simo Knuuttila commenting

Lecture hall 505
Was David Hume Really a Quantity Theorist and an Inflationist?
Carl Wennerlund with Tatsuya Sakamoto commenting

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:00 Lecture hall 105
Book Revival Session: A Review of Professor Huxley's 'Hume'
Terry Penelhum. Huxley's Hume was published by MacMillan & Co. in 1879

Book Revival Session: A Review of Ralph W. Church's 'Hume's Theory of the Understanding'
Amy M. Schmitter. Church's book was published in 1935 and then reissued in 1968 by Allen and Unwin.

19:00-20:30 City tour
From Senate Square, the front of the University Main Building (see map on page V)
Wednesday, August 7th

09:00-10:15 Lecture hall 105
On Moral Motivation
Sylvia Burrow with Dan Shaw commenting

Lecture hall 505
The Complexity of Simple Perceptions:
Hume's Theory of Basic Perceptual Units Reconsidered
Daniel Schmicking with Peter Kail commenting

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 Lecture hall 105
The Anatomist and the Painter:
Conflicting Views of Moral Philosophy?
Angela Calvo de Saavedra with Mark A. Box commenting

Lecture hall 505
Was Hume a Proper Functionalist?
Kevin Meeker with Joseph Ellin commenting

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Lecture hall 105
Invited address: Expression and Reflection in Hume's Account of Emotion
Lilli Alanen

14:30-15:45 Lecture hall 105
Hume's Philosophy of Ridicule
Dorothy Coleman with Pheroze Wadia commenting

Lecture hall 505
Space, Time, Motion: Hume, Pierre Bayles, and Zeno of Elea
David Raynor with Rolf George commenting

15:45-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-18:30 Lecture hall 105
Double Session:
Hume on Aesthetic Reasoning
David Sibbitt with Bob Moffat commenting
The Sentimental Argument: Hume's Aesthetic Reason
Dabney Townsend with Tim Engström commenting

Double Session:
Equality, Exchange and Labour
Toshibiko Ise
The Ambiguities in Hume's Views of Luxury
Ryu Susato
Response: Of Justice and Property
Tom Veik & A. R. Riggs.
Thursday, August 8th

09:30-19:05 Nordic Jet Line Terminal (Market Square)

Tallin Excursion

We shall be traveling to Tallinn, Estonia on a day trip.

The departure from Helsinki is at 10:05 (check-in at 09:30), arrival in Tallinn at 11:45 (local time, so -1 hour from the time in Helsinki), departure at 17:25, and arrival back in Helsinki at 19:05.

So we will have about five and half hours to spend in Tallinn. Any expenses in Tallinn, including lunch, are on your own.

Departures to Conference Excursions:
Friday, August 9th, 2002

09:00-10:15 Lecture hall 105  
**Hume's Vitalism and Its Implications**  
*Andrew Cunningham*

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 Lecture hall 105  
"Co-existence" and Unity in Hume  
*Jean-Pierre Schachter with Peter Loptson commenting*

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:45 Lecture hall 105  
**Two Distinctions in Hume's Moral Theory**  
*John Corvino with Elisa Hurley commenting*

14:45-16:00 Lecture hall 105  
**Hume, Mandeville and the Case of Duelling: Martial Virtues in a Commercial Society**  
*Andrea Branchi with Aaron Garrett commenting*

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Lecture hall 105  
**Panel: Passion, Character, and Action**  
Arranged by Jackie Taylor, with Jane McIntyre & Gerald Postema

18:00-19:00 Lecture hall 105  
**Business Meeting**

20:00 **Banquet at Restaurant Töölönranta, Helsinginkatu 56**
Saturday, August 10th, 2002

09:00-10:15 Lecture hall 105
Custom as the Humean Alternative
Naoki Yajima with Ann Levy commenting

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 Lecture hall 105
Calvinism in Hume's Writings on Religion
James Harris with Wade Robson commenting

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:45 Lecture hall 105
Gilles Deleuze's Reading of Hume: Towards a "Transcendental Empiricism"
Martin Bell with Martin Curd commenting

14:45-16:15 Lecture hall 105
Panel: Naturalism and Normativity in Hume's Epistemology
Arranged by Ted Morris, with Francis Dauer & Saul Traiger

Lecture hall 505
Hume, the Fantastic Sect, and Life Without Belief
Karann Durland with Jani Hakkarainen commenting

11:45-14:00 Lecture hall 505
The Sceptic's Ascent
Bob McCarthy with Sami Pihlström commenting

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:45 Lecture hall 105
A New Reading of Hume's Theory of Ideas
Anne Jaap Jacobson with Alan Hausman commenting

14:45-16:15 Lecture hall 105
Panel: Scepticism in Hume's 'Treatise'
Arranged by David Owen, with Don Ainslie & Ken Winkler

17:30 St. Petersburg Departure
The cruise ship of Kristina Cruises Oy Ltd leaves for St. Petersburg from Makasiini Terminal, South Harbour (see map on page V) returning to Helsinki in four days.

A bus to the ship will arrive at the conference site at 16:25. The price is 4 Euros/person.

The cruise schedule is as follows:
Day 1 departure Helsinki South Harbour 17:30
Day 2 arriving St. Petersburg 08:30. City tour
Day 3 departure St. Petersburg 22:30
Day 4 arriving Helsinki 11:30
30th Annual Hume Society Conference

At the University of Nevada, Las Vegas,
hosted by the College of Liberal Arts and the
Departments of History, Philosophy and Political Science.

July 29 - August 2, 2003

Conference Directors:
Craig Walton, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Phil Cummins, University of Iowa
Michel Malherbe, Université de Nantes

“Probability, Chance & Judgment”

“Nothing requires greater nicety, in our enquiries concerning human affairs, than to
distinguish exactly what is owing to chance and what proceeds from causes” (Essays,
XIV/ G&G III,174)

“Besides, we must consider that, according to the present economy of the world, the
course of nature, though supposed exactly regular, yet to us appears not so, and many
events are uncertain, and many disappoint our expectations. Health and sickness, calm
and tempest, with an infinite number of other accidents, whose causes are unknown
and variable, have a great influence both on the fortunes of particular persons and on
the prosperity of public societies” (DCNR XI/206).

Invited Speakers:
Tito Magri, Università di Roma
Jacqueline Taylor, Tufts University
Tatsuya Sakamoto, Keio University